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For: SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME	December 27, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application (which is filed herewith), and for calculation of the proper filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, line 2:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation application claiming priority under 35 USC §120 to US serial number 09/866,034 filed 5/25/01 which claims priority under 35 USC §120 to PCT international application numbers: PCT/US99/12252, filed June 2, 1999; PCT/US99/28634, filed December 1, 1999; PCT/US99/28551, filed December 2, 1999; PCT/US00/03565, February 11, 2000; PCT/US00/04414, filed February 22, 2000; PCT/US00/05841, filed March 2, 2000; PCT/US00/08439, filed March 30, 2000; PCT/US00/14941, filed May 30, 2000; PCT/US00/15264, filed June 2, 2000; PCT/US00/32678, filed December 1, 2000; and which claims priority under 35 USC § 119 to US provisional application numbers: 60/095,325, filed August 4, 1998; 60/112,851, filed December 16, 1998; 60/113,145, filed December 16, 1998; 60/113,511, filed December 22, 1998; 60/115,558, filed January 12, 1999; 60/115,565, filed January 12, 1999; 60/115,733, filed January 12, 1999; 60/119,341, filed February 9, 1999; 60/119,537, filed February 10, 1999; 60/119,965, filed